The VOTES agreed on by the *Lords* and *Commons* concerning a TREATIE;

And their Desire of a Safe-Conduct for a Committee named by them in the Earl of *Manchesters* Letter of the 28. of *Feb.* to the Lord of *Falkland*;

With His MAIESTIES gracious Answer thereunto:

And His MAIESTIES Safe-Conduct.

Also the ARTICLES of both Houses of Parliament concerning a Cessation,

With a Letter of the 28. of *February* from the said Earl of *Manchester* to the said Lord Viscount of *Falkland*, wherein they were inclosed;

Together with His *MAIESTIES* gracious ANSWER to the same.

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¶ Agreed on by the Lords and Commons in Parliament;

THat there ſhall be a Treatie upon the Propoſitions before the disbanding; in which Treatie, ſo much of His Majeſties Propoſitions as concerns the Magazines, Forts and Ships; and the Propoſition of both Houſes for the Disbanding of the Armies, ſhall be firſt Treated of, and Concluded on, before the proceeding to Treat upon any of the other Propoſitions.

And that this Treatie ſhall begin the fourth of *March*, or ſooner if it may be; and that from the beginning of the Treatie the time may not exceed twenty dayes.

Io. Brown Cler. Parl.

MY LORD,

I Am commanded by the Lords in Parliament, to desire your Lordship to acquaint His Majestie, that both Houses of Parliament having appointed a Committee to Treat with His Majestie, They desire that a Safe Conduct may be granted unto them by His Majestie; The number and the names of the Committee your Lordship shall receive here inclosed.

My Lord, I am

Your Lordships humble servant

Febr. 28. *Manchester*

Speaker of the House of Peers *pro tempore*.

For the Right Honourable the Lord Viscount *Falkland*, Principall Secretary to His Majestie.

Manchester.

E. of Northumberland. *L. Vis. Say & Seale;*

M. Peirpoint. *Sir William Ermyne.*

Sir Io. Holland. *M. Whitlock.*



HIs Majestie hath sent a safe Conduct for the Earl of Northumberland, Master Peirpoint, Sir William Ermyne, Sir John Holland, and Master Whitlock, but hath not admitted the Lord Say to attend Him, as being excepted against by name in His Proclamation at Oxford, of the third of November, and by Writ to the Sheriffe proclaimed then in that County, in which His Majesties intention is declared to proceed against him as a person guilty of high Treason, and so falling to be within the case of Sir John Evelyn, who upon the same exception was not admitted to attend His Majestie with the rest of the Committee at Colebrooke in November last: But His Majestie doth

ſignifie, that in caſe the Houſe ſhall think fit to ſend any other perſon in the place of the Lord Say, that is not included in the like exception His Majeſtie hath commanded all His Officers, Souldiers, and other Subjects, to ſuffer him as freely to paſſe and repaſſe, as if his name had been particularly comprized in this ſafe Conduct.

His Majeſtie is content that His Propoſition concerning the Magazines, Forts, Ships, and Revenue, and the Propoſition of both Houſes for the disbanding of the Armies, ſhall be firſt Treated of, and agreed of, before the proceeding to Treat upon any of the other Propoſitions; And that after the ſecond of His Majeſties, and the ſecond of theirs be Treated on, and agreed of, and ſo on in the ſame order; And that from the beginning of the Treaty the time may not exceed twenty dayes, in which He hopes a full Peace and right Underſtanding may be eſtabliſhed throughout the Kingdom.

OUr Will and Pleasure is, And We do hereby straitly charge and command all the Officers and Souldiers of Our present Army, and all Our Ministers and Subjects whatsoever, to permit and suffer Our Right Trusty and Right welbeloved Cousin and Councellour Algernon Earl of Northumberland, and Our Trusty & welbeloved William Peirpoint Esquire, Sir William Ermyne, and Sir John Holland Knights, and Bulstrode Whitlock Esquire, together with their servants to passe and repasse to and from Us without any Let or Hinderance, they being now sent to attend Us from Our two Houses of Parliament.

This Our safe Conduct under Our Signe Manuall and Royall Signet, We charge and command them and every of them punctually to observe and obey, as they will Answer the contrary at their utmost Perils.

Given at Our Court at *Oxford* the third of *March*. 1642.

WHereas the Lords and Commons in Parliament, out of a tender ſenſe of the preſent Miſeries and Diſtractions of the Kingdom, and for the obtaining and ſetling of a happy Peace betwixt His Majeſtie and His People, have humbly preſented to His Majeſtie divers Propoſitions, to which He hath been pleaſed to make this Return, That His deſire was that a ſpeedy Time and Place might be appointed for the diſcuſſing of thoſe Propoſitions, and likewiſe ſome others propoſed by His Majeſtie: It is thereupon agreed in both Houſes, That a Committee of both Houſes ſhall be appointed to attend His Majeſtie, on, or before the fourth of *March*, if His Majeſtie ſhall ſo pleaſe, to endeavour to give Him all humble and fit ſatisfaction concerning the ſaid Propoſitions, both His Majeſties, and their own. And whereas for the more ſpeedy removall of the bloody and miſerable Effects of War, His Majeſtie hath likewiſe been graciouſly pleaſed, by a late Meſſage to ſignifie His deſire, That for avoiding all intervening accidents of War, which might interrupt this Treaty, there might be a Ceſſation of Arms under ſuch particular Conditions and Limitations as ſhould be agreed on, their humble Deſires therein concurring with His Majeſties, it is by them aſſented and agreed, That a Ceſſation, of Arms in order to ſuch a Treaty as is reſolved upon by both Houſes

ſes of Parliament may be enjoyned to all the Armies and Forces now afoot in the Kingdom of *England*, and Dominion of *Wales*, on either ſide, under the Reſtrictions and Limitations hereafter following; And that neither ſide ſhall be bound or limited by this Ceſſation in any other wiſe, or to any other purpoſe, then is hereafter expreſſed.

I.

THat all manner of Arms, Ammunition, Victualls, Money, Bullion, and all other Commodities paſſing without ſuch a ſafe Conduct as may warrant their Paſſage, may be ſtayed, and ſeized on, as if no ſuch Ceſſation were agreed on at all.

II.

That all manner of Perſons paſſing without ſuch a ſafe Conduct as is mentioned in the Article next going before, ſhall be apprehended and detained, as if no ſuch Ceſſation were agreed on at all.

III.

That His Majeſties Forces in *Oxfordſhire* ſhall advance no neerer to *Windſore* then *Wheatly*; and in *Buckinghamſhire*, no neerer to *Aylesbury* then *Brill*; and that in *Berkſhire* the Forces reſpectively ſhall not advance neerer the one to the other then now they are: And that the Parliament Forces in *Oxfordſhire* ſhall advance no neerer to *Oxford* then *Henley*, and thoſe in *Buckinghamſhire* no neerer to *Oxford* then *Aylesbury*: And that His Majeſties Forces ſhall take no new Quarters above twelve miles from *Oxford* any way; and that the Par-

liament forces shal take no new Quarters above twelve miles from *Windsore* any way.

IIII.

That no Siege shall be begun, or continued against *Glouceſter*, and that His Majesties Forces now employed in the Siege, shall return to *Cirenceſter* and *Malmsbury*, or to *Oxford*, as shall be most for their conveniencie; And the Parliament Forces which are in *Glouceſterſhire*, shall remain in the Cities of *Glouceſter*, *Briſtoll*, and the Castle and Town of *Berkley*, or retire neerer to *Windſore*, as they shall see cause; And that those of *Wales*, which are drawn to *Glouceſter* shall return into their Quarters where they were before they drew down to *Glouceſterſhire*.

V.

That in case it be pretended on either side, that the Cessation is violated, no Act of Hostilitie is immediately to follow; but first the party complaining is to acquaint the Lord Generall on the other side and to allow three dayes after notice given for satisfaction; and in case satisfaction be not given or accepted, then five dayes notice to be given before Hostility begin: And the like to be observed in the remoter Armies, by the Commanders in chief.

VI.

Lastly, That all other forces in the Kingdom of *England*, and Dominion of *Wales*, not before mentioned, shall remain in the same Quarters and Places, as they are at the time of the publishing of this Cessation,

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and under the ſame Conditions as are mentioned in the Articles before : And that this Ceſſation ſhall not extend to reſtrain the ſetting forth or employing of any ſhips for the defence of His Majeſties Dominions.

All which they humbly deſire His Majeſtie will be pleaſed to ratifie and confirm ; And that this Ceſſation may begin upon the fourth of *March* next, or ſooner, if it may be, and continue untill the five and twentieth of the ſame moneth ; And in the mean time to be publiſhed to the Commanders, Officers, and Souldiers, and all other His Majeſties loving Subjects on either ſide ; And that the Treaty intended may commence upon the Fourth of *March* next, or ſooner, if it may be, and the continuance thereof not to exceed twenty dayes.

Io. Browne Cler. Parl.

MY LORD,

I Am commanded by the Lords in Parliament to desire your Lordship to present unto His Majestie these inclosed Articles concerning a Cessation of Arms, to which they desire His Majesties Answer, as soon as it may stand with His Conveniencie. I am likewise commanded to send unto your Lordship the Resolutions of both Houses, that His Majestie may see the ground of their desires for a present Cessation of Arms. My Lord, this is that I have in command, who am

Your Lordships humble servant
Manchester
Speaker of the House of Peers
pro tempore.

Feb. 28.

For the Lord Viscount
Falkland.

His

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HIS Majestie hoped the Treaty would have been begun, and the Cessation agreed on long since, and that much might in this time have been concluded in order to the Peace and Happinesse of the Kingdom. But since in almost a moneth (for His Majesties Propositions were made on the third of February, and He heard not since from both Houses till the first of March) no consent hath been yeelded to it; He conceives the Cessation cannot begin so soon as the fourth of this Moneth, by which time (though His Majesty uses no delay in making His Answer) the same can hardly be returned to them; and many of the Articles now presented to Him from both Houses concerning the Cessation, are so strict, that such of His good Subjects, who are not of His Army (and for whom generally He shall alwayes have a principall, just, and compassionate regard) receive not any benefit, or are restored to any Liberty thereby, which His Majestie shall ever insist upon (when in matters meerly concerning Himself He may descend to easier Conditions) and which He hath returned with such alterations, as He doubts not both Houses will consent to, and do sufficiently manifest how solicitous His Majesty is for the good of His People, and how desirous He is, that in this unnaturall contention no more blood of His Subjects may be spilt (upon which He looks with much grief, compassion, and tendernesse of heart) even of those who have lifted up their hands against Him; And

His Majestie therefore desires (against which He can imagine no objection can be made) that the Cessation may begin upon the twelfth of this Moneth, or sooner, if the conditions of the Cessation shall be sooner agreed on; and is willing the same shal continue for twenty dayes, in which time He hopes by the Treaty, and a cleer understanding of each other, a full Peace and Happinesse may be established throwout the Kingdom. And during that time His Majestie is willing that neither side shall be bound, or limited by this Cessation in any otherwise, or to any other purpose then is hereafter expressed.

I.

THat all manner of Arms, Ammunition, Money, Bullion and Victuals passing for the use of either Army, without a Passe or safe Conduct from the Generall of each Army, may be stayed and ceazed on, as if no Cessation were agreed on at all.

II.

That all Officers and Souldiers of either Army passing without such Licence or safe Conduct, as aforesaid, may be apprehended and deteined, as if no such Cessation were agreed on at all; And that all manner of persons His Majesties Subjects, of what quality or condition soever (except Officers and Souldiers of either Army) shall passe to and from the Cities of *Oxford* and *London*, and back again at their pleasures, during this Cessation, as likewise to and from any other parts of His Majesties Dominions, without any search, stay or imprisonment of their persons, or seizure and detention of their goods or estates; And that all manner of Trade, Traffique and Commerce be free and open between all His Majesties Subjects, excepting as

aforesaid

aforesaid, between the Officers and Souldiers of either Army, or for Arms, Ammunition, Money, Bullion, or Victuals for the use of either Army, without a Passe or safe Conduct, as aforesaid; Which may be a good beginning to renew the Trade and Correspondence of the Kingdom, and whereby His good Subjects may be restored to that Liberty and Freedom they were born to, and have so happily enjoyed till these miserable Distractions, and which even during this War His Majesty hath to His utmost laboured to preserve, opening the Way by most strict Proclamations to the passage of all Commodities, even to the City of *London* it self.

III.

That His Majesties Forces in *Oxfordshire* shall advance no neerer to *Windsore* then *Wheatley*; and in *Buckinghamshire*, no neerer to *Aylesbury* then *Brill*; and that in *Berkshire* the Forces respectively shall not advance neerer the one to the other then they shall be at the day to be agreed upon for the Cessation to begin; And that the Forces of the other Army in *Oxfordshire* shall advance no neerer to *Oxford* then *Henly*, and those in *Buckinghamshire* no neerer to *Oxford* then *Aylesbury*; And that the Forces of neither Army shall advance their Quarters neerer to each other, then they shall be upon the day agreed on for the Cessation to begin, otherwise then in Passage and Communication between their several Quarters respectively, without any Acts of Hostility each to other; but may enlarge themselves within their own Quarters respectively, as they shall finde convenient.

IIII.

That the Forces of either Army in *Glouceſterſhire*, *Wiltſhire*, and *Wales*, as likewise in the Cities of *Glouceſter*, *Briſtoll*, and the Castle and Town of *Berkley*, shall be guided by the rule expresst in the latter part of the precedent Article.

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That in case it be pretended on either side that the Cessation is Violated, no Act of hostility is immediately to follow, but first the party complaining is to acquaint the Lord Generall on the either side, and to allow three dayes after notice given for satisfaction: and in case satisfaction be not given or accepted, then five dayes notice to be given before hostility begin: and the like to be observed in the remoter Armies by the Commanders in chief.

VI.

That all other Forces in the Kingdom of *England* and Dominion of *Wales*, not before mentioned, shall remain in the same Quarters and Places as they are at the time of publishing this Cessation, otherwise then in passage and communication between their severall Quarters, as is mentioned in the latter part of the third Article: And that this Cessation shall not extend to restrain the setting forth, or imploying any ships for the defence of His Majesties Dominions: Provided that His Majestie be first acquainted with the particulars, and that such ships as shall be set forth be commanded by such Persons as His Majestie shall approve of.

VII.

Lastly, that during the Cessation, none of his Majesties Subjects be imprisoned, otherwise then according to the known Laws of the Land, and that there shal be no plundering or violence offered to any of His Subjects.

And His Majestie is very willing, if there be any scruples made concerning these Propositions and Circumstances of the Cessation, that the Committee for the Treaty nevertheless may immediately come hither, and so all matters concerning the Cessation may be here setled by them.

FINIS.